

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: <b>Achtermann et al.</b>	§ Confirmation No.: <b>9315</b>
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For: <b>Apparatus for Connection</b>	§ Attorney Docket No.: <b>AUS919990655US1</b>
<b>Management and the Method</b>	§
<b>Therefor</b>	§

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**AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.312**

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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Proposed amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.